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SUBJECT: AD-70 - REVIEW OF REPORTS OF FORCE CAPABILITIES

SUMMARY. EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP OF AD-70 ON 3 APRIL REVIEWED REPORTS BY MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS ON FORCE CAPABILITIES ( AC/281- REPORT(73)6, AC/281- REPORT(73)1, AND AC/281- REPORT(73)4). WHILE MOST MEMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF WORK REFLECTED IN MNC REPORTS, SOME MEMBERS FOUND THAT OVERALL TONE OF REPORTS, EMPHASIZING TOTAL DEFICIENCIES AND GIVING LITTLE ATTENTION TO PROGRESS, WOULD NOT BE CONDUCIVE TO ADDITIONAL NATIONAL EFFORTS. EWG INVITED INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE DRAFT CHAPTER FOR EWG REPORT; DRAFT CHAPTER IS TO EMPHASIZE AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE ADDED TO NATO CAPABILITIES AND HIGHLIGHT A FEW AREAS WHERE ADDITIONAL EFFORT WOULD BE MOST PROFITABLE. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF SHAPE REPORT, FRG REP ( BRIG GEN FREVERT- NIEDERMEIN) INDICATED THAT SUBMISSION BY EWG OF A REPORT ALONG PESSIMISTIC LINES WOULD NOT BE USEFUL. UK REP ( QUINLAN) SUPPORTED THIS VIEW AND SUGGESTED EWG IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE  
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( ARMOR/ ANTI- ARMOR, AIRFIELD PROTECTION) AND RECOMMEND A FEW AREAS FOR EXTRA EFFORT ( ELECTRONIC WARFARE,

SURVIVABILITY, RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR REINFORCEMENTS).

2. ACLANT REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY BRIEFING TEAM. UK REP SUGGESTED IS DRAFT SHOULD POINT TO ELECTRONIC WAREFARE MEASURES, ASW CAPABILITY AND GREATER MARITIME FLEXIBILITY AS AREAS FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORT.

3. ACCHAN REPORT HIGHLIGHTED MINE COUNTER MEASURES AND ASW AS AREAS FOR EMPHASIS; THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IS DRAFT SHOULD INCLUDE THESE TWO AREAS.

4. NEXT EWG MEETING WILL BE ON 5 APRIL, WHEN EWG WILL REVIEW REPORTS ON SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN FLANK AND OF SOUTHERN FLANK ( AC/281- REPORT(73)7, AND AC/281- REPORT(73)8). MEETING OF 10 APRIL TO REVIEW REPORTS ON COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS AND COOPERATION IN ARMAMENTS HAS BEEN POSTPONED AND WILL BE RESCHEDULED WHEN REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE. RUMSFELD

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